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(57) 【要約】

【課題】 肝細胞スフェロイド形成促進剤及びそれを含有する人工肝臓の提供。

【解決手段】 肝細胞増殖因子及び上皮細胞増殖因子よりなるスフェロイド形成促進剤。該スフェロイド形成促進剤を含有する人工肝臓。肝細胞増殖因子としては、T C F-Ⅱが用いられる肝細胞スフェロイドの形成を、短時間で効率的に促進し、効率的な人工肝臓を得ることができる。